

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Busse et al.	Examiner:	N. Abrams
Serial No.:	10/569,306	Group Art Unit:	2839
Filed:	February 21, 2006	Docket No.:	2316.2334USWO
Title:	DISTRIBUTION CONNECTING MODULE		

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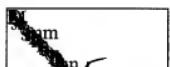
Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Per the Examiner's request, previously submitted German reference DE9306970U is being resubmitted herewith. In addition, German reference DE4313362A1, which appears to relate to DE 9306970U, is being submitted along with an English language abstract. Furthermore, translations of references DE20120690U1 and EP0671856A1, which were previously cited by the Examiner, are being provided herewith.



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